

being afraid to shatter a few glass ceilings along the way. She is a trailblazer and a role model to many. Illinois is truly grateful for her contributions to our great State. Loretta and I wish Colleen and her husband Dick much happiness in their next chapter.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING LEGACY MANUFACTURING COMPANY

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Legacy Manufacturing of Marion, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week for the week of March 27, 2023.

When it came to everyday construction and household tools, the Weems family was unsatisfied with the current products on the market. In 1986, the family decided to take matters into their own hands and opened a small manufacturing company to develop products they considered to be lacking in the market. Through decades of dedication to crafting innovative products, the Weems family business has grown into Legacy Manufacturing, a company that makes high-quality, long-lasting tools and equipment for professional and consumer use. Legacy Manufacturing is a prime example of the two things that make America great: entrepreneurial spirit and family.

For almost 40 years, Legacy Manufacturing has kept smart engineering, quality materials, and top-notch production standards at the forefront of their company. Starting off as a small manufacturer in eastern Iowa, Legacy Manufacturing has received national recognition for their uniquely designed innovative hose, which they named the "Flexzilla." The Flexzilla is a staple in their product line and can be found across global markets. The Flexzilla is lighter and has a more durable outer cover than the traditional water hose. Additionally, the entire hose is drinking water safe, so kids on a hot Iowa summer day can enjoy a refreshing drink, and parents can rest easy knowing that the Flexzilla is made with this in mind.

Legacy Manufacturing's commitment to quality products has paid off. The Flexzilla hose has consistently been ranked the best garden hose for years. Recently, it was ranked as one of the best garden hoses of 2023 by People Magazine and NBC News. Ultimately, it was ranked as the best garden hose overall for 2023 in an independent review by USA Today and was named one of the "best of the best" garden hoses by BestReviews LLC in 2022.

The Weems family's leadership has been integral to revolutionizing the

consumer experience and has emerged as a unique market leader for a wide range of tools. When a customer buys a product from Legacy Manufacturing, they can be assured that they are getting the best product on the market in terms of quality, innovation, and product safety. Legacy Manufacturing offers a wide range of professional grade service and maintenance equipment for the automotive, industrial, contractor, agricultural, and marine markets throughout North America. The motto of the company is "taking the work out of work." This means that they make sure each of their products are made from quality materials and ensure that they are built to last. Legacy Manufacturing currently is home to six different brands: the Legacy brand, Flexzilla, ColorConnex, SmartFlex, Lock-n-Load, and Workforce. All of these brands have a different focus to diversify the product line and ensure that every customer is satisfied with their product. They have gone so far that they even created YouTube videos that demonstrate to consumers how each of their products work.

For over 40 years, Legacy Manufacturing has been able to achieve success in eastern Iowa. In 2016, they completed their 133,000-square-foot facility in Marion, IA. In 2017, they were able to start a 200,000-square-foot expansion of their facilities in Marion, thanks to the Iowa Economic Development Authority—IEDA—grant program. The expansion adds to the growing reshoring movement in an effort to bring back manufacturing jobs to the United States. The expansion created 13 new jobs which brought the number of people employed by Legacy Manufacturing to about 75 employees. Overall, the company brings hope and prosperity to Iowa as more manufacturing jobs return to the United States.

Not only has the company received wide acclaims by industry experts for their high-performing products, Legacy Manufacturing and the Weems family have been recognized for their commitment to employing Iowans and growing the local economy. I want to commend the Weems family and the entire team at Legacy Manufacturing for their commitment to innovation and for their perseverance in growing their manufacturing company in the United States. Congratulations, I look forward to your continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 406. An act to provide for the treatment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as an international organization for purposes of the International Organizations Immunities Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House of Representatives having proceeded to reconsider the resolution (H.J. Res. 30) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights", returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved that the said resolution do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

At 4:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5. An act to ensure the rights of parents are honored and protected in the Nation's public schools.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5. An act to ensure the rights of parents are honored and protected in the Nation's public schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 406. An act to provide for the treatment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as an international organization for purposes of the International Organizations Immunities Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-801. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Environmental